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1. The following Czechoslovak war materials are being shipped to China:
 - a. Fifty guns weekly, deliveries beginning in October.
 - b. Steel plates for armored cars; 2,000 delivered in October.
 - c. Light machine guns model Z 51; 5,000 delivered in October.
 - d. Antiaircraft guns, including rangefinders; first shipment 28 October 1952.
 - e. Uniforms, parachutes and technical equipment; 500,000 uniforms on order, but not yet shipped.
2. Deliveries are controlled by a Chinese military mission in Prague, assisted by Chinese Ambassador T'AN Hsi-lin. The shipments are based on the provisions of the secret treaty of 15 September 1952.

1. Comment: No announcement was made of a secret treaty of 15 September 1952, However, such a treaty may have resulted from the visit of CHOU En-lai to Moscow in late August, at about which time it was believed that the Chinese forced the Soviets to permit them to deal directly with the other Eastern European governments.

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